

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for treating water glass wastewater, comprising the step of introducing alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes to biodegrading biodegrade said wastewater without any prior pH adjustment of said wastewater. ~~by alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes.~~
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes are cultured on activated carbon.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of separating water glass from water after treatment with alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of separating water glass from water comprises the steps of lowering the pH of said wastewater being biodegraded by alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes to coagulate the water glass and removing coagulated water glass.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of separating water glass from water comprises the steps of adjusting the pH of said wastewater being biodegraded by alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes to a range within 6-11 to coagulate the water glass and removing coagulated water glass.
6. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said step of separating water glass from water comprises the step of distilling said wastewater being

biodegraded by alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes to remove water and concentrated water glass.

7. (Original) A method for obtaining alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes comprising the steps of collecting microbes from water treatment facilities and culturing the microbes in water glass wastewater.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein said step of culturing the microbes is carried out in water glass wastewater with ADMI greater than 108.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for separating water glass from water, comprising the step of adjusting the pH of the water containing water glass to a range within 6-11 to coagulate the water glass and removing the coagulated water glass.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for separating water glass from water, comprising the step of boiling ~~[[the]]~~ biotreated wastewater containing water glass.

11. (Withdrawn) A composition for dyeing textile, comprising water glass and recycled water glass.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for treating water glass wastewater, comprising the steps of:

(a) obtaining alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes;

(b) introducing alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes to biodegrading biograde said water glass wastewater without any prior pH adjustment of said wastewater ~~by alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes;~~

(c) ~~separating water glass from water by lowering the pH of said wastewater to coagulate water glass being biodegraded by alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes; and~~

(d) removing coagulated water glass from ~~[[and]]~~ water.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes are cultured on activated carbon.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for treating water glass wastewater, comprising the steps of:

(a) obtaining alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes;

(b) introducing alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes to biodegrading biograde said water glass wastewater without any prior pH adjustment of said wastewater by alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes; and

(c) ~~separating water glass from water by distilling said wastewater to separate water glass from water being biodegraded by alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes.~~

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes are cultured on activated carbon.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for treating water glass wastewater, comprising the steps of:

(a) collecting alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes from water treatment facilities;

(b) culturing said microbes in water glass waste water with ADMI ranging from 200 – 45,000~~[[.]]~~ ;

(c) introducing said microbes to biodegrading biograde said water glass wastewater without any prior pH adjustment of said wastewater by ~~alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes~~;

(d) ~~separating water glass from water~~ by lowering the pH of said wastewater ~~being biodegraded by said microbes~~ to coagulate water glass; and

(e) removing coagulated water glass from water[[; and]] .

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein said alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes are cultured on activated carbon.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for treating water glass wastewater, comprising the steps of:

(a) collecting alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes from water treatment facilities;

(b) culturing said microbes in water glass waste[[ ]]water with ADMI ranging from 15 200 – 45,000[[.]] ;

(c) introducing said microbes to biodegrading biograde said water glass wastewater without any prior pH adjustment of said wastewater by ~~alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes~~; and

(d) ~~separating water glass from water~~ by distilling said wastewater ~~being biodegraded by alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes~~ to obtain concentrated water glass for reuse.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein said alkalophilic/alkaline-tolerant microbes are cultured on activated carbon.